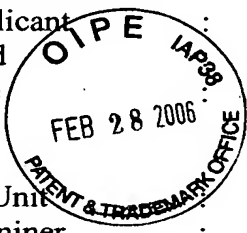


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/656,237  
Applicant : SMITH, BRADLEY D.  
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Title : METHOD FOR DETECTING PHOSPHATIDYLSERINE ON THE  
SURFACE OF CELLS  
Art Unit : 1641  
Examiner : CEPERLEY, MARY  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 9, 2006. Applicant hereby elects Group I, without prejudice or disclaimer. The present paper is timely filed, as it is together with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time up to and including March 9, 2006, along with the requisite fee. Should the Petition for Extension of Time be missing or insufficient, please consider this paper to constitute a request for the appropriate extension of time.

**AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 6-33, without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

**I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has characterized the claim set filed as comprising two inventions. In particular, the claims have been characterized in two groups.

**Group I:** claims 1 through 5, drawn to a method for determining the presence of anionic phospholipids in a sample of cells or vesicles using the